



Internal SAC Meeting (Virtual)

21st and 27th October 2020 | 08:00 – 09:00 pm Jakarta

Attendants:

Al Azhar (21st Only), Erna Witoelar, Jeff Sayer, Joe Lawson, Neil Byron, Putera Parthama, Rod Taylor (21st Only), Triana Krisandini (SAC Secretariat)

MEETING MINUTES

Improvement of Meeting Format and Process

- Reflecting on the last two SAC meetings, conducted virtually, SAC noted that in light of the pandemic, a virtual meeting via Zoom is the best way to proceed. However SAC suggests to improve the process and format of the meeting such that it enables the rich discussion that would have taken place in an in-person setting.
- SAC agrees to have the next SAC Meeting with APRIL in December with the following format:
 1. Internal pre-meeting call to discuss about the next meeting agenda, including if there are any questions / issues that SAC would like to raise with APRIL. Should a call not be possible, discussion can also take place via e-mail. SAC will send the requested agenda to APRIL for APRIL's preparation of materials.
 2. SAC Meeting with APRIL.
 3. Internal (SAC only) post-meeting call to deliberate on recommendations and also discuss meeting notes.
 4. Meeting minutes, including recommendations, will be posted on APRIL Dialog.

Discussion on Jikalahari Report

- A written update from Al Azhar regarding Jikalahari report released in August was shared with the SAC Members.
- The report mentioned two issues: 1) Peatland clearing for canals in Dayun; and 2) Alleged cooperation between APRIL supplier PT Nusa Prima Manunggal (NPM) and Koto Intuok cooperatives in Pulau Padang Village, Kuantan Singingi District.
- Regarding Dayun, considerable attention was given to this matter by both the SAC and IPEWG in August. This included a halt to all RAPP operations activity in the area until the SAC and IPEWG could evaluate Jikalahari's complaint. As a result, a series of [recommendations](#) were made to APRIL and PT RAPP has satisfactorily responded to all of these. A written update was submitted to SAC during the SAC Meeting on 16th October 2020.
- On PT NPM:
 - The permit that was given by the MoEF to the Cooperatives are 'Hutan Kemasyarakatan', which prohibits the area to be developed into plantation. As such, it is the SAC's position that it is not possible for the cooperative to be supplying fiber to PT NPM.
 - There is an ongoing conflict between the community of Pulau Padang Village and the Cooperatives. It was said that the beneficiaries of the Cooperatives are not from Pulau Padang Village, therefore the communities are rejecting it.
- SAC acknowledged that there is no ongoing cooperation between the Koto Intuok cooperatives and PT NPM and appreciates the report from Pak Al.

Discussion on Greenpeace Report

- SAC discussed the Greenpeace report that was published recently in October 2020 regarding fires and burnt areas in APRIL concessions between 2015 and 2019.
- The SAC acknowledges the critical importance of reducing fire incidence and size, particularly in Riau Province. There has been significant improvement in APRIL's efforts to address fires during the 2015-2019 period, including the establishment of a best in class "Fire Free Village" program and the subsequent "Fire Free Alliance" initiative. The SAC has tracked APRIL's efforts closely, and has issued both recommendations and support for APRIL's fire programs, which is reflected in past SAC meeting minutes.
- SAC reviewed the [response](#) provided by APRIL. SAC agreed and is satisfied with the information provided in the response.

SAC Response to Auriga

- Joe Lawson shared a draft response letter to Auriga with the rest of the SAC Members. Members agreed with the letter and suggested to proceed with the response.
- SAC Members discussed AHL's ownership structure as it relates to RGE. Ownership arrangements do not impact upon SFMP compliance and appear to be consistent with MoEF requirements. However, SAC still stressed the importance of increased transparency throughout the supply chain.

Next SAC Meeting

- Next SAC Meeting is scheduled for the 2nd week of December 2020.
- SAC will meet again in the week of 9th November to discuss the agenda for the December meeting.